Davis Gulch





Quiet and scenic coves can be found along this trail.

FEATURES

- 3.3 miles one way; moderate difficulty
- Scenic coves with fishing and swimming opportunities
- Elevation: 1240-1414 ft.
- Plant identification plaques

TRAIL HEAD DIRECTIONS

Starting at the Whiskeytown Visitor Center, drive south on Kennedy Memorial Drive. The road forks. Continue on the right fork, crossing over the dam. The trail head is located on Kennedy Memorial Drive, about a half-mile after crossing the dam.

For a one way hike, take two vehicles, parking one at the south side trail head and drive the other to the north side trail head. Park at the Brandy Creek Beach Parking lot "B", near the restroom.



Looking north across the lake towards South Fork Mountain.

TRAIL DESCRIPTION

Starting at the south end of the trail head the path meanders in and out of small canyons. The first 1.5 miles of the path is well shaded and generally level, following an old irrigation ditch.

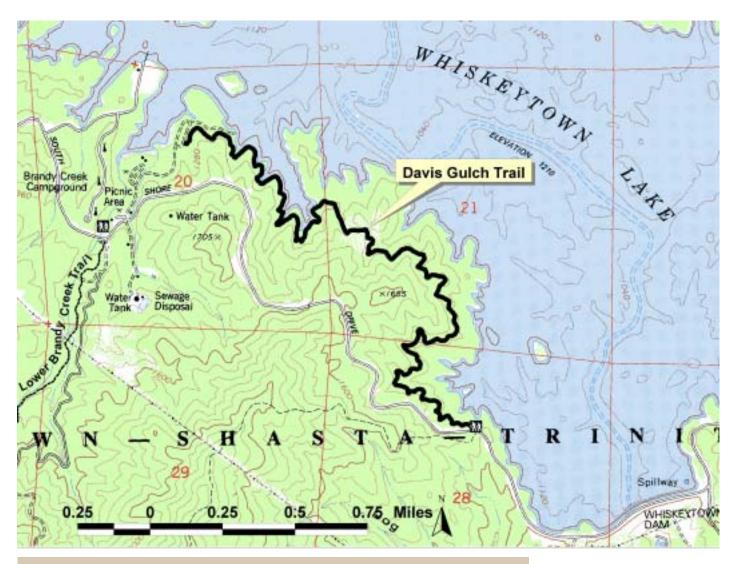
Along the way, plant identification plaques have been placed. Among others, look for big leaf maple and incense cedar. Benches noting trail distances have been placed along the trail. Stop and enjoy the view, looking

north across the lake towards South Fork Mountain (3,447 ft.) and the fire lookout.

After about 2 miles the trail descends to the lakeshore and winds along scenic coves perfect for swimming and fishing. The trail follows the lakeshore for about 1 mile, then gently climbs up a ridge to the trailhead at Brandy Creek Parking Lot B.

There are several lake access points along the trail, some having sandy beaches. Historic mining activity can be seen at different locations on the trail.

This trail is for hiking only - no bicycles or pack animals are allowed.





Plant Interpretive Plaques

As Visitors enjoy the scenic wonders found at Whiskeytown, they often wonder just what kind of pine or oak they're looking at, for instance.

Plant interpretive plaques along the Davis Creek Trail allow visitors to gain an "in-the-flesh" familiarity with some of Whiskeytown's most common plants and trees.



Special Closures

Portions of the trail can be closed to park visitors from January through July because of nesting Bald Eagles. Human activity disrupts reproduction of this threatened species. Otherwise, the trail will be open all year.